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## HSC Fitness Center muscles in on campus exercise regimens

The new HSC Fitness Center opened on Aug. 22 in the Soto Street Building.

The 10,000-square-foot center houses a variety of cardiovascular and fitness equipment, weights and two group exercise rooms. Additionally, a lighted basketball court adjacent to the fitness center is available for drop-in and intramural programs.

Below are some frequently asked questions about this new addition to the Health Sciences Campus.

*Q. What is the cost of a membership?*

A. The center is free to use for USC students, but they must become registered members to gain access to the facility. Staff and faculty may purchase a membership for \$200 per year. Until Sept. 30, there is a 30 percent discount (\$140/year).

*Q. Is there an additional cost to take group exercise classes?*

A: There are no additional costs for students to take classes, but there is a \$35 annual fee for staff and faculty.

*Q. Is there a charge for parking?*

A. Parking is free in unreserved spots in the adjacent parking lot. There is additional metered parking on the street. Visitors should not park in reserved spaces.

*Q. What are the shuttle stop locations?*

A. Shuttles stops are:



Above, USC hazardous materials technician Demetrius Spillers performs leg presses in the HSC Fitness Center's weight room. Right, center patrons exercise on treadmills and other equipment.

- Southwest corner of Biggy and Eastlake Ave. (in front of structure)
- In front of Norris (in front of fire hydrant)

- In front of HCC1
- In front of CSC building
- Valley Lot (at Soto Street)

*Q. What is the shuttle schedule?*

A. Shuttles run every 10-20 minutes, beginning at 6 a.m. leaving the Soto Building, running until 9:40 p.m.

*Q. Are towels provided?*

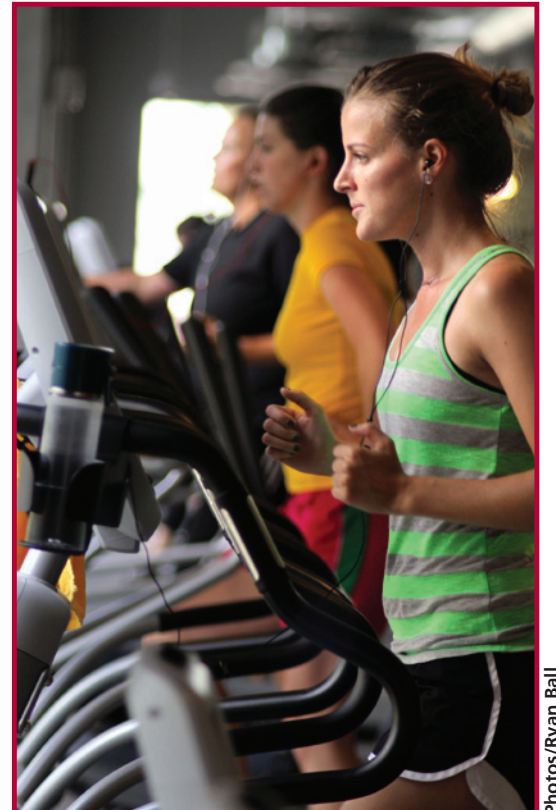
A. Yes, and they are free to use.

*Q. Are there lockers available?*

A. Yes, but visitors should bring their own locks. Items in lockers cannot be left overnight.

To introduce the center's new offerings, USC Recreational Sports will be offering a free week of 50-minute classes on Sept. 6 through Sept. 9. Regular classes will start on Sept. 12.

For more information, questions or fitness class offerings, call the HSC Fitness Center at (323) 442-7210 or visit [www.usc.edu/recsports](http://www.usc.edu/recsports).



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### Try one of the free classes at the HSC Fitness Center!

- Sept. 6, 5:30 p.m., Muscle Conditioning
- Sept. 7, 12 p.m., Zumba
- Sept. 7, 5:30 p.m., Muscle Conditioning
- Sept. 8, 5:30 p.m., Yoga
- Sept. 9, 5:30 p.m., Zumba

## Policy spurs employee to quit smoking

By Diana Seyb

For more than 25 years, Schelly Septda smoked—but not this last year.

The USC University Hospital manager of medical staff services put out her cigarette for the last time nearly one year ago, following implementation of the smoke-free environment policy on the hospitals campus. "It was beneficial that the new rules made it difficult for me to continue smoking at work. I would not have quit on my own," said Septda.

The USC hospitals led the initiative to turn the USC University Hospital campus and USC Norris Cancer Hospital into smoke-free areas last October, following a months-long collaborative planning effort. Hospital administrators said the move was largely motivated by a desire within the academic medical center



Schelly Septda

to fulfill a commitment to health and wellness.

For Septda, that meant outdoor smoking areas would be cleared out, including large cement ashtrays, benches and tables. She would no longer be able to smoke near her office, or even in the parking structures.

On Oct. 1, 2010, the first day the policy was implemented, Septda parked her car and inhaled her last cigarette. The next day, she bought a 30-day supply of smoking-cessation patches and soon after realized her cravings had subsided. One year later, Septda is still smoke free.

"I applaud and commend Schelly's decision and commitment to use our smoke free campaign as the impetus to quit," said Sharon Lee, associate administrator of clinical ancillary services, who led the successful smoke-free implementation.

## New Keck Faculty Council members elected

The Keck School of Medicine faculty has nine new voices to help represent their interests and objectives in the growth of the medical school. New members of the Keck School of Medicine Faculty Council were recently elected to fill one-, two- and three-year staggered terms. The Faculty Council is the primary advisory group for the dean of the Keck School.

"The new members bring to the council a wide range of experiences and points of view that I believe will be invaluable over the next critical years in the school's growth," stated Keck School Dean Carmen A. Puliafito in a memo to faculty. "I greatly appreciate their willingness to share their insights and experiences as we all continue our work creating one of the premier academic medical centers in the country."

The new members are:

One-Year Term:

- Paula Cannon, associate professor, molecular microbiology and immunology
- Glenn Ehresmann, associate professor of clinical medicine
- Paul Pattengale, professor of pathology

Two-Year Term:

- Peter Conti, professor of radiology, past president, Academic Senate
- Charles Gomer, professor of pediatrics and radiation oncology, vice chair of pediatrics for faculty development
- Donald Larsen, associate professor of neurosurgery, chief medical officer, USC University Hospital and USC Norris Cancer Hospital

Three-Year Term:

- Ron Ben-Ari, associate professor of clinical medicine, senior associate chair, educational affairs
- Yves DeClerck, professor of pediatrics and biochemistry and molecular biology
- M. Victoria Marx, professor of clinical radiology

The new officers elected by

the council are president, Yves DeClerck; president elect Ron Ben-Ari; and secretary Glenn Ehresmann.

The Faculty Council is the descendant of the Medical Faculty Assembly body that was dissolved. An interim task force generated the new governance document defining the Faculty Council's composition and duties.

The council's responsibilities include creating studies, reports and recommendations to submit directly to the dean on matters that affect faculty status, responsibilities and welfare; organizing meetings of the faculty at large to discuss issues of interest; acting jointly with the dean to suggest, advise and consult on

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## The Campaign for USC Is Coming!

With the goal of advancing its academic vision and priorities, USC will launch on Sept. 15 the most ambitious fundraising campaign in the history of higher education. The Campaign for the University of Southern California seeks to raise \$6 billion, half to augment its endowment in support of faculty and students and half to provide immediate support for academic priorities, capital projects and infrastructure.

For more information, visit [campaign.usc.edu](http://campaign.usc.edu), and watch for more announcements in *The Weekly*!



# Spencers donate \$125,000 for five scholarships to primary care graduates

“So many kids coming out as general practitioners were building up a lot of debt. ... This was an opportunity to do something we thought might help.”

—USC donor  
Carlton Spencer

During a routine examination a few years ago, Carlton Spencer’s primary care doctor noticed something was amiss.

Spencer’s doctor, Keck School of Medicine alumnus Skip Barber, realized that Spencer’s heart was showing signs of extreme distress. He immediately referred Spencer to Vaughn Starnes, chairman of the Department of Surgery and surgeon-in-chief at USC University Hospital and USC Norris Cancer Hospital. Two days later, Spencer had open-heart surgery.

After he made a full recovery, Spencer and his wife, Nancy, decided to donate \$125,000 in scholarships for five Keck School students from the class of 2011 whose residencies are in internal or family medicine. “We were talking to Skip about the fact that so many kids coming out as general practitioners were

building up a lot of debt that it was taking them so long to get out of,” Spencer said. “This was an opportunity to do something we thought might help.”

The graduates, who learned that they won the scholarships just a few weeks after applying in May, say it will make a huge dent in paying off their medical school loans.

“It’s amazing. The scholarship just makes such a big difference,” said Elizabeth Ortega, whose residency is in family medicine at California Hospital Medical Center in Los Angeles. “I really appreciate everything that the donors do.”

The other scholarship recipients are: Angela Basso, Po-Yin Huang and James Walls, all specializing in family medicine, and Craig Robinson, whose residency is in internal medicine.

If current trends continue,



Spencer Scholarship recipients are, from left, Craig Robinson, James Walls, Elizabeth Ortega, Angela Basso and Po-Yin Huang.

the shortage of family doctors in the United States is expected to reach 40,000 by 2020, according to the American Academy of Family Physicians. This is due to more medical students bypassing primary care in favor of higher-paying specialties.

These scholarships are the

first at the Keck School for graduates who matched into certain primary care residencies. A search committee screened the students, and Barber, who for the past 30 years has taught Introduction to Clinical Medicine, made recommendations on awarding the scholarships.

## University consortium to host seminars and clinic tours during Primary Care Week

The Keck School of Medicine is hosting an inter-university Primary Care Week, a series of free events on Sept. 13-15 to foster discussion about the importance of primary care in the community and its role in health care reform. The events — to be held at the Keck School, UCLA Center for the Health Sciences and Los Angeles community health clinics—are open to university undergraduate students, inter-professional health science students, faculty and alumni, as well as community clinic health care providers and public health advocates.

In addition to afternoon speaker panels at the Keck School and UCLA, two family clinics will open for tours and panel discussion. USC, UCLA and Charles Drew University will also host a shared reception at The California Endowment, a private

health foundation that provides grants to community-based organizations throughout the state. Speakers at the reception include Robert K. Ross, president and CEO of The California Endowment; Mitchell H. Katz, director of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services; David M. Carlisle, president of Charles Drew University; Richard S. Baker, provost and dean of the College of Medicine at Charles Drew University; Carmen A. Puliafito, dean of the Keck School of Medicine of USC; and A. Eugene Washington, vice chancellor of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

Seating is limited and advance reservations are required. RSVP at <http://bit.ly/PCW2011RSVP> by Sept. 9. For more information, see the schedule, right, and contact Yvonne Banzali at [banzali@usc](mailto:banzali@usc).

### Second Annual Primary Care Week Events Schedule

#### Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011

• **KSOM: Noon – 1 p.m.**

Primary Care Physician Leaders: Diversifying the Faces of Care: Hastings Auditorium

• **UCLA: Noon – 1 p.m.**

A Day in the Lives of Primary Care Physicians: What It Is Really Like to Practice as a Family Physician, Internist or Pediatrician  
UCLA CHS Bldg., Room 53-105

• **UCLA: 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

Clinic Tour: St. John’s Well Child & Family Center  
5701 S. Hoover St., Los Angeles  
Tram service from Biggy Street available by RSVP.

#### Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2011

• **KSOM: Noon – 1 p.m.**

Patient-Centered Medical Home—The New Health Care Model  
Aresty Auditorium

• **UCLA: Noon – 1 p.m.**

Enlarging our Sphere of Care: Roles for

Physician Engagement in the Community and Beyond

UCLA CHS Bldg., Room 13-105

• **SHARED RECEPTION: 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

Primary Care Imperative: A Critical Solution for our Health Care Needs  
The California Endowment, 1000 N. Alameda St., Los Angeles

#### Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011

• **KSOM: Noon – 1 p.m.**

Financing a Career In Primary Care  
Aresty Auditorium

• **UCLA: Noon – 1 p.m.**

Discovering Loan Repayment Opportunities in Primary Care  
UCLA CHS Bldg., Room 23-105  
• **UCLA: 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.**  
Clinic Tour: Venice Family Clinic  
604 Rose Ave., Venice  
Tram service from Biggy Street available by RSVP.

## COUNCIL: Representing all faculty

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the appointment of chairs and members of school committees; and selecting faculty to represent the Keck School in USC’s Academic Senate.

Six of the council positions are from clinical faculty, while the other three are from basic science faculty; all council members represent the entire Keck School faculty. Council members must be full-time faculty who have primary

appointments in the Keck School, and may be tenure or non-tenure track. Department chairs and faculty who are also serving in the administration at the associate dean level or higher are excluded.

The council plans to meet monthly and hold at least one faculty-at-large meeting annually. The Keck School Faculty Council will soon ask for faculty volunteers to serve on standing committees.

### Town Hall Meeting

A town hall meeting will be held to introduce the new members and discuss the council’s mission and activities this year. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 4:30 p.m. at the Aresty Auditorium in the Harlyne J. Norris Research Tower of the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center. Refreshments will be served.

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# New collaborative public health initiative focuses on immigrant health

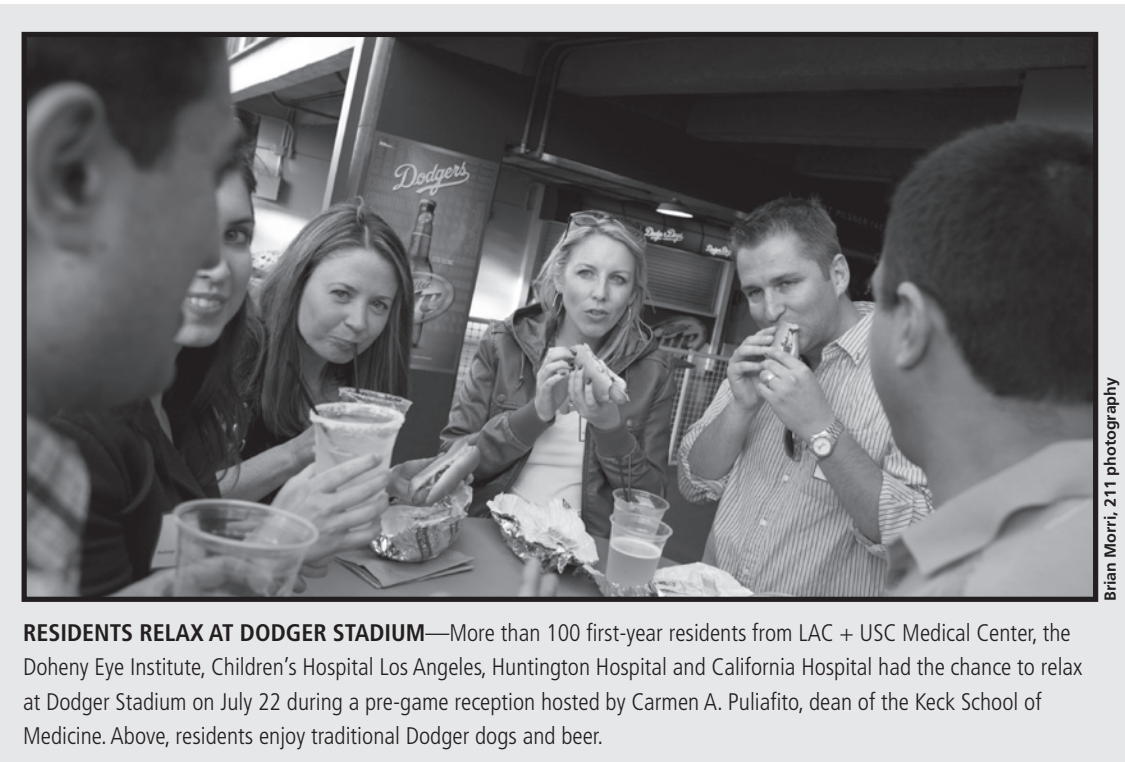
**By Amy E. Hamaker**  
A diverse panel of experts from eight different USC schools, led by Lihua Liu, assistant professor in the Department of Preventive Medicine at the Keck School of Medicine, has recently formed a new public health initiative to focus on the health of immigrants in the United States.  
The Immigrant Health Initiative (iHi), which received a \$25,000 per year grant for up to three years from the USC Collaboration Fund, will engage students and faculty in exploring why the positive health characteristics of many immigrants to the United States deteriorate soon after

their arrival, and what can be done to stop and reverse such a trend. The panel includes experts in communications, law, cinema, social work, medicine and urban planning. (For a full list of panel members, visit <http://www.usc.edu/iHi>.)  
Research and educational opportunities planned include class projects, student grants, junior faculty mentoring opportunities, community-based outreach programs and research proposals for federal or private funding sources. iHi's first seminar, "Health Disparities and the Immigrant Health Initiative" presented by William Vega, provost professor and executive

director of the USC Edward R. Roybal Institute on Aging, is planned for Sept. 29 at the Forum (Room 450) of the Tutor Campus Center on UPC. A student symposium on immigrant health is also being considered for next spring.  
The idea for iHi sprang from Liu's work at the Los Angeles Cancer Surveillance Program compiling cancer statistics and conducting research. Liu was struck by the increasing risk for many types of cancer and other chronic diseases among immigrant populations along with their U.S. residency.  
The deterioration in health is believed to be due to a combination of institutional,

behavioral and environmental changes, including a lack of quality health services for linguistic minorities, the desire to become "American" and the lack of health information and education, said Liu. Without proper education, immigrants quickly lose healthy habits as they adapt to American living.  
"As an immigrant myself, I have a personal understanding of immigrant experiences and the American Dream," Liu said. "To me, the deterioration of immigrant health is tragic and unnecessary. Given the rapid growth of the foreign-born population in this country, we can no longer overlook immigrant health issues."  
The panel's long-term

goal is to establish a transdisciplinary research center on immigrant health at USC. "We hope iHi will start a new approach in public health research and policy development to pay attention to immigrants and to identify the strengths in immigrant communities," added Liu. "With its research vigor, collaborative academic environment, the highest number of international students among all U.S. universities and prime geographic location in Los Angeles, we believe that USC is in an advantageous position to lead the exploration of a new public health approach to benefit all Americans."



Brian Morri, 211 photography

**RESIDENTS RELAX AT DODGER STADIUM**—More than 100 first-year residents from LAC + USC Medical Center, the Doheny Eye Institute, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Huntington Hospital and California Hospital had the chance to relax at Dodger Stadium on July 22 during a pre-game reception hosted by Carmen A. Puliafito, dean of the Keck School of Medicine. Above, residents enjoy traditional Dodger dogs and beer.

## Norris team prepares for Kickin' Cancer 5K

**By Pauline Vu**  
The USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center is taking a team to the 10th Annual Kickin' Cancer! 5K Walk/Run in Brentwood on Sept. 18, and will have a booth at the free family expo.  
The race is hosted by the Lynne Cohen Foundation for Ovarian Cancer Research, which has given \$1 million to USC Norris over the last 10 years to establish and operate the Lynne Cohen Preventive Care Clinic for Women's Cancers.  
The clinic, located in the Harold E. and Henrietta C. Lee Breast Center, provides testing, education and care for women with a high risk of developing ovarian and breast cancers, determined by factors like family history or carrying a genetic mutation.  
"Not only are we able to provide tangible support and preventive measures to these women at high risk, but we're also learning a lot about the disease in the process and hopefully effecting change for future generations," said Kimberly Gill Morales,

the foundation's director of research and special events.  
The organization was founded by the children of Lynne Cohen, who passed away in 1998 after a five-year battle with ovarian cancer. When deciding where to open the first of its four preventive care clinics, the foundation chose USC Norris, where Lynne was treated.  
"She loved Norris—she felt very safe and secure there," said Amy Cohen Epstein, Lynne's daughter and the foundation's president and executive director. "It made sense to work with Norris, and has proven to be a powerful relationship."  
Since its inception, more than 400 people have benefited from the clinic's services. It is open two Wednesdays each month and sees six patients each day. Before coming, patients share their information with a clinic representative, and a genetic counselor determines if the clinic can help.  
Patients can get all their tests and see different specialists in one day and in one

location, making the clinic a "one-stop shop," said Darcy Spicer, associate professor of clinical oncology and the clinic's co-director along with Lynda Roman, associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology.  
While some clinics assess a person's cancer risk and others offer genetic counseling, "you then get referred to a different physician for assessment of X, a different physician for assessment of Y," Spicer said. The fact that USC's Lynne Cohen clinic can offer so many services at once is unique.  
Some of the proceeds from Kickin' Cancer! will benefit the USC clinic. The inaugural event in 2002 drew about 800 people; this year almost 4,000 people are expected.  
To join the Norris team, contact Tonya Strom, assistant director of development, at (323) 865-0668 or [tstrom@usc.edu](mailto:tstrom@usc.edu). To learn more about the clinic, call (323) 865-0800. For more information about the race and foundation, visit [kickincancer.com](http://kickincancer.com) and [lynnecohenfoundation.org](http://lynnecohenfoundation.org).

## Admissions welcome center provides new interview space

**By Amy E. Hamaker**  
The Keck School of Medicine's Admissions Department is making a positive move to help accommodate the growing number of medical school candidates applying for admission to the Keck School. New meeting space has been allocated to the department for a welcome center on the fourth floor of the Keith Administration Building, where admissions will be able to interview up to 25 candidates at a time during the pre-admissions process.  
The 520-square-foot space will feature a conference area that can double as a greeting and orientation area, advanced audiovisual presentation capability, a staffed concierge desk and

two private offices for individual interviews, according to Tim Cowell, director of space planning for the Keck School. The welcome center was scheduled to be ready by Sept. 1, with the first interviews taking place on Sept. 15.  
Previously, candidate interviews had been done off campus. "We haven't had space to evaluate or interview candidates who come to interview with us," said Raquel Arias, associate dean of admissions for the Keck School. "Dean Puliafito has generously expanded our ability to welcome and interview candidates for the medical school in a beautiful suite where privacy can be ensured and presentations can be given."

## School of Pharmacy teams up for international health program

The USC School of Pharmacy has signed an agreement with Good Neighbor Pharmacy, a national network of independently owned and operated community pharmacies, to provide an international travel health program for community pharmacists.  
The program, which is part of a larger immunization certification program available to the more than 3,700 Good Neighbor Pharmacy members, offers training that includes comprehensive pre-travel health services in the community pharmacy setting. Pharmacists who are certified to administer specific immunizations and vaccines in their state are eligible to participate in this travel health program.  
International travel health experts at the School of Pharmacy will provide additional training and clinical support

to participating pharmacists. Pharmacists will gather information from their patients and work with the USC Travel Medicine Assistance Program (USC Travel MAP) to collect individual patient and destination-specific recommendations for vaccines, prescription and OTC medications, travel supplies and counseling topics. Local pharmacists will then share this information.  
Jeff Goad, director of USC Travel MAP, believes this service offers patients an opportunity to have convenient access through their neighborhood pharmacy to the right information, medications and immunizations before embarking on an international trip. "Good Neighbor Pharmacies working with USC Travel MAP can provide patients with what they need to help ensure a healthy trip," said Goad.



# Calendar of Events

This Calendar of events is also online at [www.usc.edu/hscalendar](http://www.usc.edu/hscalendar) for the Health Sciences Campus community

## Wednesday, Sept. 7

**Noon.** ZNI Seminar. “Synaptic Vesicle Endocytosis: Revisiting Heuser and Resse in the 21st Century,” Erik Jorgensen, University of Utah. ZNI 112. Info: (323) 442-2144

## Thursday, Sept. 8

**Noon.** Center for Excellence in Research. “Faculty Curation: Developing a Digital Archive to Provide both Content and Context,” Marcus Levitt, USC. UPC: DML 240. Info: (213) 740-6709

## Tuesday, Sept. 13

**Noon.** Psychiatry Grand Rounds. “Discussing Sexuality with Patients,” Berta Davis, UCLA. ZNI 112. Info: (323) 442-4065

**4:30 p.m.** Keck School of Medicine Faculty Council Town Hall hosted by Dean Carmen A. Puliafito. NRT Aresty Aud. Info: (323) 442-1520

## Wednesday, Sept. 14

**Noon.** ZNI Seminar Series. “Retinal Circuits Underlying Circadian Photoentrainment and Mood,” Samer Hattar, Johns Hopkins. ZNI 112. Info: (323) 442-2144

**Noon.** Center for Excellence in Research. “Developing Funded Research Programs,” Randolph Hall, USC. UPC: CUB 329. Info: (213) 740-6709

## Thursday, Sept. 15

**2 p.m.** Center for Excellence in Research. “Preparing and Submitting NSF Proposals,” Timothy Pinkston, USC. UPC: RTH 526. Info: (213) 740-6709

## Friday, Sept. 16

**Noon.** Medicine Grand Rounds. “Post MI Complications,” Richard Shu, USC. IPT Conference Rm. B. Info: (323) 226-7556

## Sunday, Sept. 18

**7 a.m.** USC Liver Team Walk. Please join the USC Liver Team and raise awareness about liver disease and hepatitis. Ocean View Park, Santa Monica. Info: (323) 442-9626

**8:45 a.m.** “Kickin’ Cancer! 5K Walk/Run,” to raise awareness for the early detection and prevention of ovarian and breast cancer. San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood. Join the USC Norris team: (323) 865-0668

## Wednesday, Sept. 21

**Noon.** The Soul of Medicine. “Sublime Family Medicine: Drs. Jean & Todd Forman.” MCH 156. Free lunch. Info: (323) 442-1313

## Wednesday, Sept. 21, and Thursday, Sept. 22

**7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.** USC Hospitals Annual Pain Management Symposium. Various speakers. NRT Aresty Auditorium. Info: (323) 442-8660

## Thursday, Sept. 22

**8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** 15th Annual Max R. Gaspar Vascular Symposium. “All Aorta from the Valve to Bifurcation,” Jack Cronenwett, Dartmouth. Millenium Biltmore Hotel. Info and Registration: (323) 442-2555

## Friday, Sept. 23

**Noon.** “Infectious Disease Clinical Pathological Conference,” Maria Ochoa, USC. IPT Conference Rm. D. Info: (323) 226-7504

## Saturday, Sept. 24

**7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** KSOM Continuing Medical Education Symposium. “Multimodality Treatment of Brain Cancer: Current Concepts and Recent Advances,” various speakers. Tuition is \$55 if received before noon 9/23/11; \$75 after. Los Angeles Marriott Hotel. Info: (800) 872-1119

**Notice:** Deadline for calendar submission is 4 p.m. Monday to be considered for that week’s issue—although three weeks’ advance notice of events is recommended. Please note that timely submission does not guarantee an item will be printed. Send calendar items to *The Weekly*, KAM 400 or fax to (323) 442-2832, or e-mail to [eblaauw@usc.edu](mailto:eblaauw@usc.edu). Entries must include day, date, time, title of talk, first and last name of speaker, affiliation of speaker, location, and a phone number for information.

# Occupational Science/Therapy holds inaugural white coat ceremony



Kimberly Kelton

By Kimberly Perring

The Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy hosted its inaugural White Coat Ceremony on Friday, Aug. 26, at the Pappas Quad on USC’s Health Sciences Campus, joining other USC professional programs that welcome incoming students with the formal ceremony. In front of faculty, administrators, family and friends, over 200 occupational therapy graduate students donned their new white coats, a traditional symbol of professional health care responsibilities.

In her remarks to the students, Florence Clark, associate dean and division chair, described the white coat as a “symbol for an emergence into professional life, for the sacred contracts you will hold with your clients, and for the requirements of ethical practice.” She asked students to “fulfill the ethical obliga-

New students in the Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy recite the Oath of an Occupational Therapist during the division’s first-ever white coat ceremony.

tions placed upon you, live up to your potential as excellent clinicians, and treat with the heart and soul of a healer.”

Because Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy is a Division of the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry, Avishai Sadan, G. Donald and Marian James Montgomery Dean’s Chair in Dentistry, offered the keynote address. He congratulated the new students and challenged them to fulfill the leadership expectations that come with being a Trojan occupational therapist.

Together, the student body recited the Oath of an Occupational Therapist, a pledge which includes a commitment to “model and foster leadership, and facilitate spiritual, personal and professional growth in myself, my profession and in others.”

“It is an honor to be in the first class of USC occupational therapists to experience a white coat ceremony,” said Max Swider, a bachelor’s student.

Alison Cogan, a master’s student, agreed saying she “enjoyed being part of the ceremony and it was so meaningful for all our parents to be here as well.”

Though temperatures made for a hot afternoon, the significance was not lost on Casey Neiman, a master’s student. “It feels so professional and it marks that we’re legitimately part of a health and wellness mission that’s bigger than ourselves.”

Because the event was so successfully received, the division anticipates conducting its White Coat Ceremony at the beginning of all future academic years.

## Did we say that?

*In the August 12 issue of The Weekly, it was incorrectly stated that “a second separate shuttle would run between the new [Soto Street Building] and Union Station.”*

*There is no direct route from the Soto Street Building to Union Station; the Soto Route will take passengers to Eastlake and San Pablo, which is the main stop for all HSC/Union Station routes.*

*We sincerely regret any inconvenience the error may have caused.*

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**Visit the USC Web:** <http://emergency.usc.edu> This page will be activated in case of an emergency. Backup Web servers on the East Coast will function if the USC servers are incapacitated.